

# CHARTER

## Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site

### Advisory Commission

1. The official designation of the Commission is the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission.
2. The purpose of the Commission is to fully participate in an advisory capacity with **the Secretary** of the Interior in the development of a General Management Plan for the historic site. The Commission will also, as often as necessary, but **at least** semiannually, meet and consult with the Secretary on **matters** relating to the management and development of the historic site.
3. The Commission is expected to exist into the foreseeable future. In accordance with P.L. 102-523, the provisions of sections 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), concerning termination and **a biennial** rechartering, are inapplicable to this Commission. **However**, there shall be **a biennial** review of this Commission to determine **if its** goals and objectives have been fulfilled.
4. The Commission will report to the Regional Director, National **Capital Region**, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, **S.W.**, Washington, D.C. 20242.
5. Support for the Commission will be provided by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.
6. The duties of the Commission are solely advisory and are as **stated in paragraph 2 above**.
7. The estimated **annual** operating cost of the Commission is \$80,000, which includes the cost of one-half work year of **staff support**.
8. **The Commission** will meet approximately 6 times a year. **Meetings will be held at the call of**, or with the **advance approval of**, the Regional Director, National Capital Region.
9. The Commission is composed of 15 members appointed by the **Secretary** for **4-year** terms as follows:
  - a. three members appointed from recommendations submitted by the **National Council** of Negro Women, Inc.

- b. two members appointed from recommendations submitted by **other** national organizations in which Mary McLeod Bethune played a leadership role.
- c. two members appointed from recommendations submitted by the Bethune Museum and Archives, Inc.
- d. two members who shall have professional expertise in the history of African American women.
- e. two members who shall have professional expertise in archival management.
- f. three members who shall represent the general public.
- g. one member who shall have professional expertise in historic preservation.

10. Any member of the Commission appointed for a definite term may serve after the expiration of his or her term until his or her successor is appointed. A vacancy on the Commission will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

11. Any member of the Commission who fails to attend three successive meetings of the Commission, or who otherwise **fails** to substantively participate in the work of the Commission, may be removed from the Commission by the Secretary, and a replacement named.

12. The Chair and other officers of the Commission will be elected by a majority of the members of the Commission to serve for terms established by the Commission.

13. The Commission shall make such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it considers necessary to carry out its functions, and as may be consistent with Federal law.

14. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation as such, except that the Secretary is authorized to pay expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission in carrying out their responsibilities upon presentation of vouchers signed by the Regional Director, National Capital Region.

15. The Regional Director will serve as the Designated Federal Officer for purposes of Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. In the Regional Director's absence, the Regional Director may designate another Federal employee to serve as the Designated Federal Officer.

16. The **Mary McLeod Bethune** Council House National Historic Site Advisory **Commission** was established by Section 4 of Public Law 102-211, December 11, 1991.

  
Secretary of the Interior

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